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The above officers want to serve you. Contact them for information. Give them your suggestions and most of all your SUPPORT.

We implore your patience, endurance, forbearance, leniency and tolerance. We know less than nothing about editing and publishing this paper or any other paper for that matter. Anyway, here goes with our first attempt and might add probably the last. Meanwhile if you have any suggestions, news items, criticism or contributions you may direct same to The Singer Shack R. R. # 11 Box 185 Indianapolis, Indiana.

To Bob Caskey W9DNQ may be express publically the heartfelt thanks of all the Club members and all other readers for a job well done. After 15 years of struggle with this 'baby' perhaps now that you have retired Bob, you will have for a bit of hamming. (time)

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB MEETING

This Friday at Club meeting a representative from the Cnetral Coil Co., located in Indianapolis, will be the speaker. An experimental coil kit will be the topic of discussion. See you there.

IRCC

Sunday, April 15th, the radio clubs of Indianapolis were host to the IRCC for the spring meeting at the new Park Board Bldg. Approximately 50 delegates attended. Wayne McCoy W1ICP was present and discussed miscellaneous league activities. There was considerable discussion about the steps to be taken to get the \$5.00 fee for call letter plates reduced. We can all be assured the matter will receive the closest attention at the proper time. It was surprising to learn that the 'worked all counties' contest had only two entries. The radio clubs of Indianapolis were elected to be host to IRCC at the fall meeting.

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CENTRAL INDIANA MOBILE RADIO CLUB

The CIMRC is an organization which has grown out of the desire for a planned program of mobile activities in Marion County.



Prior to Dec. 1954 group mobile activities consisted mainly of weekly transmitter hunts attended by about a dozen of the more active mobile operators. On Dec. 12, 1954, W9ZXS Kenny Wise, W9MHP Don Litwiler, W9ATS Jerry Todd, W9FZA John Jones, W9UQW Guy Oakes, W9SVC Hal Plummer, W9JMD Jack Robertson, W9ZUU Jim Whitmore and W9URT Doc Hunter got together and laid the foundation for the club. The temporary officers were W9UQW president, W9FZW vice president, and W9SVC secretary-treasurer. All members agree the success of the group has been due, in large, part, to the work of these temporary officers.

The Auditorium of the Beech Grove Library was chosen as the first meeting place and the first meeting was held there 26 January, 1955.

At this first regular meeting the purposes of the club were outlined:

1. To unite the common interest of the amateur mobile operators in this area.
2. To organize an efficient emergency net.
3. To offer our services to CD, Red Cross or any other organization warranting our services.
4. To organize projects of interest to members.
5. To get acquainted and help each other.

Since this first organization meeting the club has grown to a membership of 50 and at present has 40 active members.

Our monthly schedule is as follows: 1st. Wd. transmitter hunt, 2nd. Wed. is business meeting, 3rd. Wed. transmitter hunt and 4th. Wed. emergency drill.

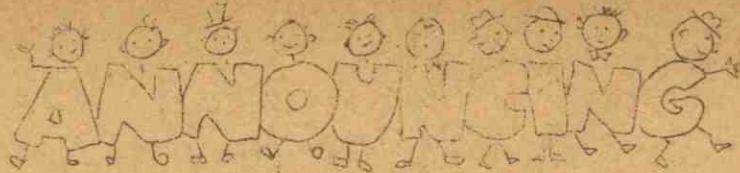
The present officers are W9MHP Don Litwiler, W9IYI John Watt, W9BAQ Bill Thorn. W9ZXS Kenny Wise is activities manager.

Plans for the future is to set up a club station. Since the club is mobile, it will be a mobile station. A small house trailer has been obtained and work will probably start about the middle of summer. Club members are constructing six meter walkie-talkies for emergency work and more emergency drill work is planned.

KC4USA

KC4USA at Antarctica is being heard on 14.210 - 14.215 on SSB (upper) working SSB (and the other !) between 12:00 midnight and 6:00A.M. They are 78 degrees south and 180 degrees west. Last week the temperature there averaged 28 degrees below zero, but they expect winter will set in soon. No one can get in or out now until next November. No QSLs till then but well worth waiting for. Other stations will be on later.

W9POF Jerry Bramblett will attend the 3 day ARRL Convention in San Francisco. Date for this convention is July 6th. through July 8th.



SWAP & SHOP

May 25th. is "spring" house cleaning day - the big SWAP & SHOP NIGHT. If you know of a suitable room large enough for the purpose let us know about it. See or phone any of the club officers. WATCH for further details ! ! !

JUNE

June meeting to be conducted by Mr. Harrison Blind, representative of IRM. His subject will be announced in the next issue of AMACHEWER.

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Alvey Pittman W9JJJC has a package of DX QSL cards for Indianapolis hams received from QSL Bureau. If your call is listed below you can pick them up at Club meeting or call Tr. 8 8331 and arrange to pick up.

W9AWG, ASJ, ASM, ATS, ARK, ARG, ABV, AFD, APG, APE, AQG, APZ, BVS, BTL, BPS, BPO, BOG, BMX, BHC, BMF, BNW, CGJ, CKP, CNX, CYE, CZO, DJG, DSC, EWI, EY, ENS, EDE, EKD, EKM, ELK, EUM, EOV, EON, FOO, FFB, FJP, FLD, FSG, FVI, FMJ, FZU, FUR, GDN, GFV, GHE, GOL, GOP, GQT, GUB, GND, GIK, HUD, HTV, HRA, HQG, HIX, IV, JRO, JRK, JBK, JAY, KLH, KFH, KDD, MYB, MSL, MPR, MKT, NPV, NNX, NMD, NEU, OSL, OHC, PAB, PFG, PMM, QUL, RRH, REE, RHY, SEL, SGH, TWC, TKW, UJM, UEM, UMI, UQD, WUC, ZHS and W9ZUU.

WEARC K9AVO

The April meeting of the Western Electric Amateur Radio Club was held at the QTH of W9DMU Hank Holland. A feature of the meeting was a talk on receiver alignment by Bill Halcomb. The May meeting will be on the 8th. with a talk and demonstration by H. E. Wheelock of W.E. Co. His subject will be TV receiver alignment. WEARC has added several pieces of test equipment that is available to club members.

HEARD ON THE BANDS

W9CGJ Charles Lugar was heard on 75 meters recently trying out his new DX35.

W9EGV Johnnie Frye from up Logansport way (where the mud is green) has just returned from a vacation in Florida.

K9AMD Carole Hoover who is Net Control for the After The Net Net on Tuesday evenings has won over the Indiana Hams. Her excellant signal has Hoosier Hams reporting in regularly for some real happy ham chewing.

W9EJW Frank Fitch

EXAMS

Commercial exams are scheduled for Thursday May 10th. Starting time 0900 and must be finished by 1700. Amateur exams the following day, Friday May 11th. at 0900 and completed time 1600. Place is Civil Service Examination Room. Room 526, Federal Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

FIELD DAY

Under the management of Ron Williams W9JVF, Box 256 Cumberland, Indiana. Give Ron all the support you can and make this Field Day a big deal. Home phone is PW 4 7864. Business phone Me 6 2428. Location to be announced later.

SPLATTER

There is an increased amount of mobile QSOing in the Indianapolis area. Some recently monitored calls were W9LCL, MNY, ZTN, YXV, URT and ATS.

W9EIV Joe Csecsi was looking for the address of the TVI Committee - wonder if he still needs it ? ! ? !

A boy named Timothy born to Jane and Tom Wendt W9MRE. A very proud Pappy.

W9ZRK Hank Peterson can again be heard QRMing 15 meters since he received his rig from the National Co.

Coy Crank who plays guitar on the Paul Burton television show each Wednesday night is keeping up on code practice and hopes to be ready for exam soon.

W9TKV Claude Richie has moved to 32 No. Chester. He is set up and operating on a couple of all band doublets. Very soon he will have a new rotary three element beam for 10, 15 and 20 meters.

Winston Hunter and Roscoe Clark Jr. took novice exam at PTH of W9JJJC on Thursday and expect to be on the air with a whopping 25 watts.

W9WWT Lu Skrobisz is retiring as Route Manager of the River Forecast Net. W9TQC Art Evans will take over on May 1st. Harry Smith W9TT will continue as Route Manager. RFN meets every Sunday at 0800 on 3656 Kc.

Noel and Lowell Atkinson (twins) students at Tech High are expecting an envelope in the mail. They took novice exam recently.

W9JIP Dave Thompson made 125,000 points during DX contest.

Sincere sympathy to Irvin Kerch W9VFG whose father passed away after a long illness.

Tech Radio Club W9HFQ expects to go back on fone very soon. Their club members are Chet Crump W9ADJ; Ron Davidson Kn9ATS; Gerald Hinchman Kn9AKP; Roger Taylor Kn9ALD and David Charpie Wn9VRH.

Pres. Don McFarling W9AWN is the proud PaPa of a bouncing KWSI.

Circle City Radio Club has acquired a 48 cup automatic coffee maker. Their diligent efforts in selling vanilla paid off and now they will be assured of plenty hot coffee at their club meetings.

W9DPL Howard Severeid and XYL Noretta report a wonderful time at the Dayton Hamvention.

Grandpappy Jerry Bramblett W9POF is ditto proud. Daughter Suzanne is mother of twins. Boy and girl .

John Eastman W9STH, Don Hunt W9DOD, Fuzz W9FJN and Tom Boyd W9FJS along with Alvey Pittman W9JJJC went to the Dayton Hamvention and brought back the usual prizes - sore feet ! They attended the Friday night SSB dinner with approximately 88 others from the area.

W9UQP Bill Smith was awarded a Navy ROTC Scholarship which will pay tuition, expences plus a salary for four years while attending North Western. Bill will study electrical engineering. His Pappy W9TT reports just one more son to send off to school and he can move his rig upstairs.

SPLATTER

Local hams checking into the Indiana Fone Net is increasing. Besides the old regulars; W9VNV, JVJ, SWD, EJW and TQC these new comers can be heard: Paul Ralston K9ALJ who moved here from Ely, Minnesota several months ago. Paul was county EC up in the Paul Bunyan territory. Bill Johnson W9BUQ and K9AIO J.P. Shideler who recently moved here from Logansport, Indiana. IFN meets daily at 0900 and Monday through Friday at 1850 on 3910.

W9EIV Joe Csecsi and XYL Gladys along with W9ZSA Joe Bucek and W9YJQ Frank Urockis were WEARC representatives to the Dayton Hamvention. Their prizes were the usual !!!!!

Claude Richie W9TKV and XYL Fannie visited The Radio Club of Cuba while in Havana. Claude describes the whole deal a wonderful set up with modern equipment and beautiful location. He was pleased to meet old friends he has talked with for many years.

1955 Cribbage Champion on 3910 is Mike Tafflinger W9GRN who nosed out Tom Wendt W9MRE. Date for 1956 Champion game has not been set but it is rumored that Tom will not settle for anything less than 'Champ' this year.

C. D. Party (Communications Department) is open to all licensed hams that hold ARRL appointments. Spring Contest was worked by W9SWD Cliff Singer who gathered up a score of 2,450.

FLASH ! FLASH !

Late news on SWAP & SHOP NIGHT May 25th. at 1900 to 2100 each fellow will have a chance to sell or trade his own equipment at his terms. Starting at 2100 there will be an AUCTION for those who wish to dispose of equipment in that manner. Everyone will be allowed to bid once on his own equipment during the auction which will result in a minimum selling price. WATCH for more details and be sure to tell your friends about SWAP & SHOP NIGHT.

XYL

Initial meeting of XYLs was held April 27th. with 21 present (plus one lost OM). After a session of becoming acquainted and informal discussion the group decided to form a club and elect officers by ballot.



President	Butch Singer	Fl 7 1596
V. Pres.	Florence Lucas	Tr 8 8645
Treasurer	Catherine Caskey	Li 6 3089
Secretary	Linda McFarling	Wa 6 2770

The 3rd. Friday of each month was selected as club night and a committee was appointed to obtain a suitable meeting place.

A committee of four will act as hostess at each meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Hostess committee for May meeting will be the club officers. XYLs that were at this meeting plus others who are interesting in joining but were unable to attend the April meeting will be called by the telephone committee and notified of the location of the May 18th. meeting.

Telephone committee: Cornelia Spannuth Fl 6 3936, Esther Pittman Tr 8 8331 and Frances Rufner Me 2 4781.

Present members: Florence Lucas, Corinne Ralston, Cornelia Spannuth, Thelma Crank, Rosemary Thalls, Carol Martin, Edna Witham, Noretta Severeid, Tokie Burris, Martha Jones, Butch Singer, Mary Sanders, Catherine Caskey, Rosemary Fitch, Mary Manning, Linda Mc Farling, Florence Mitten, Frances Rufner, Mildred Williams, Anita Larson, and Esther Pittman.



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XYL Club is for the wives of all amateurs in Marion County and also to wives of radio amateurs whose OM is a member of one of the Amateur Radio Clubs in Marion County.

PURPOSE: To further the acquaintance of the wives of Amateurs and Social Times for the entire family.

Dues: Two dollars for 1956 or .25¢ monthly. Business for May meeting will be selection of club name, appointment of membership committee, plans for a family get-together.

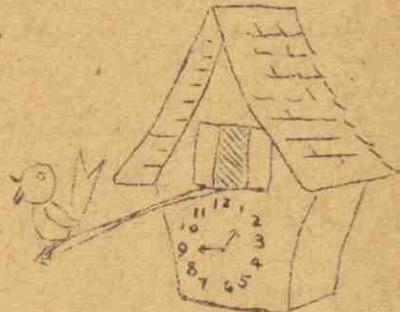
The following XYLs are interested in the XYL Club and we hope will be able to attend the next meeting: Gwen Bucek, Sarah Dixon, Ann Ucockis, Elizabeth Loomis, Ruth Konlod, Ruth Litwiler, June Eastman, Pat Thorn, Kay Kamplain, Norvelia Griffith, Marge Fox, Mary Campbell, Ora Fish, Jane Wendt, Nelda Ricketts, Fannie Richie and Jean Shideler.

All others interested call one of the club officers. Hope to see you May 18th.

RESERVED FOR
YOU
Send in your
NEWS

NOW

IS THE TIME



To gather up equipment for SWAP & SHOP NIGHT.

JOIN the AREC (see Cliff Singer, W9SWD for details).

HELP your neighbor with radio theory and code.

PAY YOUR CLUB DUES ! ! ! !

Urge friends to join THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB.

Encourage your best gal to join the XYL Club.

Help Ron with FIELD DAY PREPARATION.

Think about attending the Picnic at Clifty Falls on May 27th. (Madison Club)

AREC

RACES

Membership in the AREC is growing slowly. Marion County Members as follows:
W9ATS Gerry Todd FULL Mobile; K9ALJ Paul Ralston FULL; W9AWN Don McFarling FULL; Fred Freytag K9BKA FULL; W9BUQ Bill Johnson Supporting; W9DPL Howard Severreid Supporting; W9AEE Les Sanders FULL; W9EIV Joe Csecsi FULL; W9EJW Frank Fitch FULL; W9FZW John Jones Full Mobile; Le Roy Kerst W9GSX Supporting; W9HUB Lowell Wilson Supporting; W9IYI John Watt FULL Mobile; W9JJC Alvey Pittman FULL Mobile ???; W9JMD John Robertson Supporting; W9JZV D. McVicker FULL; W9MEJ John Burris FULL; W9MHP Don Litwiler FULL Mobile; Don Holmes W9MYB Supporting; W9NH Sam Taggart Supporting; W9POF Jerry Bramblett FULL Mobile; Jack Poindexter W9SMN Supporting; Paul Beckerich W9SUN FULL; W9TKV Claude Richie Supporting; W9UQV Bill Konold FULL; W9UQW Guy Oakes FULL Mobile; Fred Manning W9VPN Supporting Mobile; W9YFG Irvin Kirch FULL; W9YJL Victor Beckerich FULL; W9YJQ Frank Ucockis FULL Mobile; W9YKI Ted Richart FULL Mobile; W9YWE Jack Andrews Supporting; W9ZKX Willian Nelson FULL Mobile; W9ZSA Joe Bucek Supporting; W9ZXS Ken Wise FULL Mobile; And that's it excepting for W9DNQ, K9AIO and W9MRE which should be here any day now.

There is approximately 500 'HAMS' in Marion County. How many are active and on which band can they be heard is the big question that your EC would like to answer.

SOOOooo the next thing to do is get assistance, where ??? From Assistant ECs and that brings us up to the point in mind, selecting Assistant ECs. If each Radio Club in Marion County will submit the name of their choice for Assistant EC and alternate, we will have a job available getting valuable information. This is a MUST if a disaster should ever arise.

We still have far too few AREC members. Please phone and request a form to fill out.

The State RACES Plan under went a few changes and it should be ready for FCDA and FCC approval very soon. More on that later. 6meter will be the popular band. C U on 6.

Phone F1 7 1596

Cliff Singer W9SVD EC Marion County
R. R. # 11 Box 185
Indianapolis, Indiana

Newly licensed from adult evening classes at Tech. High are as follows: George Lone K9CBY Novice and Tech; Juanita Locke Kn9CRE and OM Ken Locke Kn9CRF; Ted Griener Kn9CQW; Anne Hourigan Kn9CTS (Y1 friend of Dave Hale W9RBM); Yvonne Tracey Kn9CYP, OM is Jim W9RYQ; Robert Summers K9CXS Novice and Tech; Phyllis Royster has not received her license as yet.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

Call-letter license plates bring us a responsibility. Careful driving is wise.

W9DZO Howard 'Grubby' Grubbs has been appointed OBS. Official ARRL Bulletins are read by this station on Monday and Thursday at 1850 on 3910 and also each Sunday at 0850.

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Well, OM, did you get in on it? We're talking about the six meter opening we had the other Sunday, April 15th. That's the hottest thing we have seen in a long time. At nine-fifteen our time the band was as dead as the proverbial dodo, so we decided to listen to the net on 3910. For some reason Ron had very little traffic to handle that morning, so at nine-thirty we decided to try again.

Ye Gods, did you set the band switch right? That can't be six meters!!! But it was six meters. In about three hours we logged the following stations in the W1, W2, W3, and W4 areas: W1BOM, BWJ, CEZ, POF, HOY, YDM, YLP, KHM, KHL, HBU, OBQ, FTX, SUZ, UNB,; W2AEW, IHM, QVH, JGV, BYM, RJV, FBZ, RUF, NTY, MON, JTE, K2OAL, AXQ, ATG, IRX, RRB, JFE, MPD, BDF,; W3ZTL, SXD, YPT, ZSN, MPT, HFY, ZHF, FKS, TOM, DMS, AWA, ZZR, YQD, RZD, KMV, FSR, PMJ, OTC, BCF. The W4 that we heard wasn't identified, as that was one of the first stations that we heard at the beginning of the melee. Buck fever, you know.

We know the following local six meter enthusiasts had themselves a field day: K9CBY, W9HPV (mobile), W9MHP, W9CKD, W9YIL, W9HKK, W9PFR and W9MFH. We heard them make some of their contacts. We know one fellow who added three states toward his WAS. Good luck, OM.

It sure was a great experience and we sure are hoping to be in shape to take

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better advantage of the next opening. How about you ? Well, you fellows that tell us that you are having a lot of good contacts on two meters are being neglected but goo this time. But please forgive us. We will try to get an exclusive for you soon.

There is one VHF band that we haven't been able to get anyone to admit using and that is 220 mc. Are any of you guys crazy enough to try working up in a region where circuitry begins to become a plumbing project ? We would like to know about it if you are and would like to work up a column on your results and experiences if you will share them.

We know of one club that is conducting a club construction project and we are hoping to visit them soon with an eye to doing an article on the project. One more thing....all you six meter men know that Field Day is coming up. How about planning on coming out and helping us run up some points for our club showing. There are multipliers for VHF work on low power that ought to make it very interesting to see what sort of score we can run up in comparison with the low frequency boys.

D. J. McVicker W9JZV

CREDITS

Frank Fitch for moral support; Bob Caskey for tips and instructions; Joe Bucek for WEARC material; Hank Peterson for SWAP & SHOP news; D. Vickers for VHF news; Alvey Pittman for Anartica and IRCC report; Bill Thorn for Mobile news Gorald Bramblett for Tech news; Cliff Singer for AREC and RACES; Ron Williams for Field Day and special thamks to Bob Fuller, errand boy and assistant.

REMEMBER to send, bring or phone your material for May Amachewer to The Singer Shack before May 18th. to make the next issue.

73s C U Later